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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/320,609	WILUSZ ET AL.	
	Examiner Marjorie A. Moran	Art Unit 1631	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Marjorie A. Moran. (3) Dr. Wilusz.
 (2) Catherine Smith. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 11 December 2001.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: BERNSTEIN, LEVY (1996 and 1998).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Dr. Wilusz described the inventive system as one which faithfully reproduces mRNA turnover; wherein a polyA tail is first shortened by specific exonucleases, then the body of the mRNA is quickly degraded. This system allows for deadenylation and degradation by specific ribonucleases with minimal "garbage" degradation and very good reproducibility. Dr. Wilusz stated that his system has been and is being used successfully in a variety of applications. With regard to the prior art, Dr. Wilusz stated that BERNSTEIN's mRNA does not have a true polyA tail as "extra" residues are present at the end of the polyA portion, therefore BERNSTEIN does not teach "true" deadenylation. The examiner stated that in the absence of evidence to the contrary, she considered a teaching for mRNA (e.g. by BERNSTEIN) to be a teaching for a typical mRNA; e.g. with a polyA tail. Ms. Smith and Dr. Wilusz, as previously argued, maintained that BERNSTEIN does not teach use of a supernatant fraction, specifically a cytoplasmic fraction. The examiner maintained that BERNSTEIN teaches at least a supernatant fraction, which in combination with LEVY, makes use of a cytoplasmic fraction obvious. Dr. Wilusz argued that LEVY also does not teach deadenylation as LEVY's RNA's do not have a "true" polyA tail, and argued that neither BERNSTEIN nor LEVY teach the specific ribonucleases necessary for "regulated" deadenylation. The examiner pointed out that the claims are not limited to an RNA with a "true" polyA tail (e.g. an mRNA with an uncapped polyA tail), or are they limited to any specific ribonuclease. The examiner stated that both BERNSTEIN and LEVY teach deadenylation and degradation of RNA's, and therefore maintained that they read on the instant claims, specifically claim 1. Ms. Smith stated that the claims would be reviewed with these statements in mind. .